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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

- 1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON PROTOCOL PROBLEMS RE SCIOLLA LAGRANGE'S CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.
- 2. SUGJECT TO PARA 5 BELOW, DEPARTMENT OF VIEW THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOW APPROACH GOI TO INDICATE FOLLOWING:
- (A) THOSE OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CONFERENCE FAMILIAR WITH SCIOLLA STRONGLY ENDORSE HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND GOI MAY EXPECT SOME SUPPORTING DEMARCHES.
- (B) WHILE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROTOCOL PROBLEMS GOI HAS WITH RESPECT SCIOLLA, GOI SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT US WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW CANDIDACY OTHER ITALIAN IN LIGHT PARTICULAR TECHNICAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS THIS CONFERENCE WILL PRESENT.
- 3. DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTATIONS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OF ITALIANS WITH ICAO AIR LAW EXPERIENCE -- AND THERE ARE SOME WITH MORE EXPERIENCE AND SENIORITY THAN SCIOLLA -- NONE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO AIR LAW COMMUNITY AS A CHAIRMAN. THUS, UNLESS PROTOCOL PROBLEMS CAN BE IRONED OUT, IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT ANY ITALIAN OTHER THAN SCIOLLA WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO CONFERENCE. WE UNABLE MAKE GENERAL COMMITMENT FOR AN ITALIAN AND MAY HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY VIEW THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER ITALIANS QUALIFIED.
- 4. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DUCCI JUNE 26 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SEC STABLER SPOKE ALONG ABOVE LINES.
- 5. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, SCIOLLA'S CONTRIBUTION VERY VALUABLE IN LEGAL FIELD, AIR AS WELL AS OTHER. IF IN EMBASSY'S VIEW DEMARCHE ALONG ABOVE LINES WOULD COMPROMISE SCIOLLA'S CAREER, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT PRESS THE POINT FURTHER. IN EVENT ITALIANS COME UP WITH ANOTHER CANDIDATE, WE WILL WISH REVIEW OUR POSITION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO RECALL THAT MEETINGS NOT HOSTED BY GOI AND THEREFORE GENERAL PRACTICE TO HAVE NATIONAL OF HOST COUNTRY AS CHAIRMAN, THOUGH PREFERABLE IN THIS CASE, WOULD NOT BE TECHNICALLY APPLICABLE AND STATES WILL NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO APPROVE AN ITALIAN NOMINEE. ROGERS

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